

2722 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

FdL-EOC promoted wide knowledge of Homestead Act through newspaper articles; radio spots and party line presentation; letters to groups, clubs, organizations; through churches (church bulletins and church announcements); senior citizen meetings.

A workshop to assist applicants in filing was set at the main office on January 12, 1967. Over 400 people applied the first day and another 400 applied between that date and April 15th, last filing date.

Complete records are not available but partial records indicate 96 persons received refunds amounting to \$8,199.70.

We estimate that this is approximately one-half of the actual figure. Precise records were not available because:

The more complex tax problems were not handled by us, but referred to State Tax Department for completion.

The first day's crowd so overwhelmed the staff that emergency help from the State Tax Department and Commission on Aging were called in and did not record applications handled.

A total of 4 special Workshops were held at Fond du Lac, Campbellsport, North Fond du Lac and Rosendale.

We plan to sponsor Homestead Tax Workshops each year from January 1st to April 15th as a part of the Conduct & Administration activities.

SERVICES IN ACTION, A RESOURCE FAIR

What Is It

"Services in Action" is a one day Resource Fair to display visually, with printed materials, and with a program, the many facets of service available to the community.

When

May 23, 1967.

Free Fair—open to the public. 10 AM to 8:30 PM.

Program—"Services for Children and Youth"—7:00 PM.

Where

Fond du Lac Recreation Center and the Cow Palace at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. Use of both buildings has been made available by the County Board of Supervisors.

Who Can Participate With a Booth

Any group that provides service to citizens. Participants will include governmental agencies, public and private welfare groups, service oriented organizations, special services of education, labor, industry, professions, etc. Free materials can be distributed. No items will be sold at the Fair.

Who Will Be Welcome To Attend

All citizens, the community at large.

Public will be invited through news stories, radio publicity.

Problems That Led To Planning the Fair

1. Service organizations do not always know about each other.
2. Services are fragmented, each attacks problems from one facet.
3. The community at large doesn't know about all services, specifically people who need services don't know what is available to them.
4. Service-providing agencies share a common problem of "getting the message" out to eligible people.

Goals of "Services in Action" Day

1. To *gather* and share information.
2. To *establish* communication lines.
3. To *make* information available, in one place, of all resources of the community.
4. To *deliver* resources to those who need them.
5. To attempt to *coordinate* programs to respond most effectively to needs.
6. To *modify* and *enrich* programs to respond most effectively to needs.
7. To *discover* gaps in service that need future attention.